

## VOLUNTEER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



**ROSEBUD  
BATTLEFIELD  
STATE PARK**  
August 14, 2007



## MEETING AGENDA



- Announcements/Town Hall Meeting II Results
- Review of 2007 Schedule
- Management Plan Feedback Results - Overview
  - Arrangement of topics, vision, mission, feedback comments
- Public Comment Period/Lunch
- Review Draft Management Plan – Topics #1-4
  - Cultural & Historic Resources, Recreation Mgt., Natural Resource Mgt., Interpretation & Education
  - Large Group Discussion
- Next Steps

## MEETING GUIDELINES



- Turn off cell phones/vibrate
- Respect each other's perspectives
- Actively listen to one another
- Participate and share your thoughts
- Work for the greatest good of Rosebud Battlefield State Park

## TOWN HALL MTG II RESULTS

- Most Pleased About in the Plan So Far
  - Process itself
  - Keeping park as pristine as possible
  - Lots of different groups given opportunities to participate
  - Pretty good core group showing up
  - Time & depth of study
  - Identifying key topics
  - Keeping within reason financially and feasibly.
  - Diverse interests but share commonality to protect park.

### ■ What's Missing in the Plan

- Money
- Research/statistics & comparison with other parks
- More of a timeline for reaching goals
- What are priorities in terms of timeline?
- Not many Native Americans participating; lacking that perspective
- More of a holistic picture in terms of the different Native American perspectives – cosmology involved; not just battle, but pre- and post effects on NA culture & society
- Do we work with NPS & other agencies to help provide education?

## FWP LEADER'S SUGGESTIONS

- Time lacking overall in process. It's only a beginning. Will be future opportunities to contribute to plan.
- Do not get bogged down on the "how" of the plan. VAC to advise on the "what" of the plan. FWP will focus on implementation.
- Identify priorities in how the VAC sees the implementation of the plan. (What's most important in the group's mind).

- Advise us on what you'd like to see happen with mineral development.
- Advise us on the Park's vision and mission.
- Advise us on Park access.
- No other state park has a battle site within its boundary.
- Implementation strategy should include cultivating legislators who would support RBSP. FWP would like to see community build political support together with FWP – not separately.
- Suggestion about partnerships: maybe share space with a tribal officer?

## OVERVIEW – MANAGEMENT PLAN FEEDBACK RESULTS

- Overall results – rearrangement of topics
- Vision Statement
- Proposed Mission Statement
- Areas of Mixed Agreement

## RE-ORDERED TOPICS

1. Cultural and historic resources
2. Recreation management
3. Natural resource management
4. Interpretation and education
5. Visitor services and facilities
6. Financial and human resources
7. Park promotion and visitation

## AREAS OF MIXED AGREEMENT

- Future of minerals in park
- Permanent access to park
- General areas to consider for visitor's center, facilities, exhibits, picnic areas & trails
- Amount of roads & trails in park
- Use of Kobold home
- Levels of visitation & promotion
- NHL designation
- Special events
- How to incorporate MPA recommendations

## DRAFT MGT. PLAN

- Review revised topics, goals & objectives for topics:
  - #1 Cultural & Historical Resource
  - #2 Recreation Mgt.
  - #3 Natural Resource Mgt.
  - #4 Interpretation & Education

## CONSENSUS MODEL

- 80 % Agreement  
(I can agree 70-80%)
- 100% Commitment  
(I will commit 100%)



## LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION

- Respond to the following questions:
  1. Did we get the “what” of each topic & goals?
  2. What duplication do we see?
  3. What’s missing?
  4. What’s our priority list for the goals?  
What are the top 2 goals under each topic?
  5. Park any unresolved or “agree to disagree items.”

## NEXT STEPS

- Next meeting dates
- Assignments:
  - Identify top 10 priorities for September 12
  - What, if anything, needs to be incorporated from MPA & NHL
- Meeting evaluation



## OBSERVATIONS

- Resource management will be widespread & expected
- Little to no interest in energy development in the Park
- A majority believe the Park complements and enhances other attractions in the region
  - Many opportunities for partnerships with other attractions



## OBSERVATIONS

- High level of agreement on keeping the pristine nature of the Park
- Mixed agreement on how much development to allow in the Park (services/facilities)
  - Most in favor of a visitor’s center, but where? How elaborate?
  - Paved roads? Gravel roads? Few roads?
  - Comfortable restrooms and drinking water are a must
  - Minimal lighting



## OBSERVATIONS

- Interpretation: Historical/cultural resources are very important and are a major draw
  - How much interpretation? Where?
  - User-friendly vs. minimal?
- Education is important to provide in some form (staffing, materials, etc.)
- General agreement that the Park needs at least one full/time staff, on site if possible, for security, maintenance, education



## OBSERVATIONS

- Mixed agreement around access into and within Park
  - Permanent access will be necessary in the future, plan now
  - Roads vs. trails
- High agreement on 6 concerns facing development of the Park
- High agreement on ensuring Native American presence in the Park’s education, interpretation & access



## Results of Town Hall Mtg. I

- Key Themes: Vision, Take into Future
  - Keep natural
  - Preserve history
  - Protect resources
  - Involve Native Americans
  - Be user friendly in management & interpretation/education

## Results of Town Hall Mtg. I

- Key Themes: Concerns/Suggestions
  - Energy development
  - Overuse/use without a plan
  - Resource protection—weeds, fire, water, grazing
  - Traffic control on site
  - Decisions made outside local community
  - Need open public process/include all
  - Need more efficient meeting notices

## VAC Charter

- Mission of the Volunteer Advisory Committee
  - Identify park issues and trends
  - Formulate management recommendations for addressing them
  - Base recommendations on a balanced perspective, considering funding, staffing, resource needs, and community desires

## VAC Charter

- The recommendations help form management plan and will guide future projects and activities at Rosebud Battlefield State Park.
- Recommendations will be crucial in helping FWP meet the needs and desires of Rosebud Battlefield's constituencies.
- Recommendations will be advisory in nature - FWP is ultimately responsible for the management of Rosebud Battlefield State Park.
- Regional Supervisor, Parks Administrator & Director all must approve the management plan.

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